

City of Maple Ridge
ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AGENDA

Wednesday, May 31, 2017, 7:00 pm
Blaney Room, Maple Ridge City Hall

1. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**
2. **AGENDA ADOPTION**
3. **MINUTES APPROVAL** – April 26, 2017
4. **DELEGATIONS**
 - 4.1 HUB Cycling Presentation
5. **SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES**
 - 5.1 Cycling on Sidewalks Subcommittee
6. **NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - 6.1 2017 & 2018 Committee Work Plan / Strategy
 - 6.2 Requests for Agenda Items
 - 6.3 Engineering Update
7. **CORRESPONDENCE**
 - 7.1 FYI to ATAC - G and C Mohr Message re: Cycling on Sidewalks
 - 7.2 FYI to ATAC – V Appleton Message re: Cycling on Sidewalks
8. **QUESTION PERIOD**
9. **ROUNDTABLE**
10. **ADJOURNMENT**

QUESTION PERIOD

Question Period provides the public with the opportunity to ask questions or make comments. Each person will be given 2 minutes to speak. Up to ten minutes in total is allotted for Question Period.

City of Maple Ridge
ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Active Transportation Advisory Committee, held in Suite 300 in the Maple Ridge Business Centre at Maple Ridge City Hall, 11995 Haney Place, Maple Ridge, British Columbia, on Wednesday, April 26, 2017 at 7:00 pm

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Bijan Naghipour	Member at Large
Councillor Duncan	Council Liaison
David Rush	Cycling Rep
Franklin Salguero	Member at Large
Ineke Boekhorst	Downtown Maple Ridge Business Improvement Association
Kino Roy, Vice-Chair	Youth Rep
Paul Yeoman, Chair	Member at Large
Wayne Stevens	Seniors Rep

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

David Pollock	Staff Liaison / Municipal Engineer
Sunny Schiller	Committee Clerk

REGRETS/ABSENTS

Cpl. Steven Martin	Ridge Meadows RCMP – Traffic Services
Lisa Beare	School District 42 Rep
Tara Abraham	Fraser Health

1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

2. MINUTES APPROVAL

R17-013

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes dated March 29, 2017 be corrected by deleting the phrase “A survey of local businesses was not done.” under Item 4.1 and be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

3. AGENDA ADOPTION

R17-014

It was moved and seconded

That the agenda dated April 26, 2017 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 Review of multi modal plans from the Strategic Transportation Plan

The Chair reminded the group of the importance of the Strategic Transportation Plan and encouraged members to become familiar with the content. The Chair led a group discussion about topics of potential interest to ATAC. The Staff Liaison provided information about planning and funding for transportation related projects.

4.2 Cycling on Sidewalks

The Committee discussed cycling on sidewalks. Potential strategies to decrease pedestrian / cyclist conflicts were discussed.

R17-015

It was moved and seconded

That Wayne Stevens, Ineke Boekhorst and Dave Rush form a subcommittee to focus on issues around cycling on sidewalks in the downtown. The subcommittee will meet and work to identify routes to restrict cycling on, will solicit feedback from Kino Roy and Franklin Salguero and will report back to the next meeting.

CARRIED

4.3 2017 & 2018 Committee Work Plan / Strategy

Potential projects were identified under Item 4.1. Members were encouraged to raise items of interest to those populations they represent for consideration by the group. It was suggested that the Staff Liaison invite Translink to make a presentation at a future meeting. It was suggested that the topic of train whistle cessation be investigated.

4.4 Requests for Agenda Items

A concern was raised about a lack of pedestrian friendly design for a proposed townhouse development. The Staff Liaison will provide further details on the project at a future meeting. A question about data collection from flashing electronic signs was raised to the Staff Liaison. Ineke Boekhorst shared information about the 2015 Downtown Maple Ridge Business Improvement Association survey about traffic calming. Printed copies of the survey were distributed.

4.5 Meeting Frequency / Schedule

Meeting frequency was discussed. The Committee will continue to meet monthly for the foreseeable future.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

- 5.1 FYI to ATAC - Ms. Kovacs (MACAI member) Letter to Council re: cycling on sidewalks
- 5.2 FYI to ATAC – Senior's Network Letter re: cycling on sidewalks
- 5.3 FYI to ATAC – CFB Letter to Council re: cycling on sidewalks
- 5.4 FYI to ATAC – Ms. Philippe Letter to Council re: cycling on sidewalks

All correspondence was addressed to Mayor and Council and a response was provided by the Mayor's office.

6. ROUNDTABLE

Kino Roy supports the idea of pilot projects, especially for cycling infrastructure.

Ineke Boekhorst appreciates the volunteer appreciation cards from the City.

7. QUESTION PERIOD

8. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Chair

/ss

Sunny Schiller

Subject: FW: ATAC E-mail

From: Tyler Shymkiw
Sent: Sunday, May 14, 2017 9:59 PM
To: Glen & Clara; Mayor Council and CAO Users List
Subject: RE: Bikes on sidewalks

Glen and Clara,

Thank you for your email. Council remains committed to ensuring pedestrian safety in Maple Ridge. While there is no active review of the bylaw in question the issue has been raised a number of times recently, and continues to receive attention from Council. I will ensure your thoughts are forward to the Active Transportation Committee for their consideration.

Thank you,
Tyler Shymkiw
City Councillor,
City of Maple Ridge
604.868.6495

From: Glen & Clara [mohr1@telus.net]
Sent: Saturday, May 13, 2017 7:47 AM
To: Mayor Council and CAO Users List
Subject: Bikes on sidewalks

We live on Dewdney Trunk Road with heavy traffic and the sidewalks close to the road and every day we have to scramble out of the way of bikes on the sidewalk.

For us seniors it's a dangerous situation.

Please stop this practice now.

Glen and Clara Mohr

Sent from my iPad

Sunny Schiller

Subject: FW: ATAC E-mail

From: vjapples@gmail.com [vjapples@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, May 13, 2017 2:33 PM
To: Mayor Council and CAO Users List
Subject: Sidewalk cyclists

To the Mayor and Council Members of Maple Ridge

It is my understanding that Maple Ridge has a by-law which permits cycling on sidewalks. I request that serious consideration should be given to rescinding this by-law. In my opinion, it is abused by most of the cyclists in the downtown area who think it is their right to weave in and out of pedestrians with no regard to the consequences.

Since moving to Maple Ridge eighteen months ago, I have witnessed many near misses. Last week, I was walking on the north side of the Lougheed Highway, east on the sidewalk from 222nd street. A blind person was walking down towards 222, keeping very close to the buildings. I moved over to give him plenty of room to walk in his comfort zone. When at shoulder level to him, I took a small step back from the very edge of the sidewalk to a regular position. I had just done that when I heard a swoosh and a young man on a mountain bike can speeding past me. As he passed his handlebars ran down the length of my arm from my elbow to wrist (I was holding my shoulder bag tightly).

I managed to maintain my balance but was shaken and my arm was very painful. Of course, he didn't stop or look back, just continued pedalling at high speed. He did yell "sorry" and laughed!

To have gained the speed he was travelling at when he past me, he must have been travelling full bore down the sidewalk from KFC and crossed 222 without stopping. This is typical of the people who are using the sidewalks to cycle in the downtown area. I have cycled since childhood but never on sidewalks. Bicycles are road traffic in my opinion.

Needless to say, this will be the last time I bother to shop in the area between 220 and 225 from now on. I will only take my car when I go to the bank but may change branches. I enjoy walking but it will be strictly to Valley Fair, no further.

Could this be the type of reason that downtown is seldom patronized nowadays? Surely bylaw officers could be ensuring the sidewalks are safe and used with consideration, they seem to be forever walking around ticketing parked cars. Let's prioritize efforts so that once again Maple Ridge can become the pleasant place to visit and shop, like Haney used to be. (I have lived in surroundings communities for the last forty five years.)

Thank you for reading my request.

A concerned citizen,

Val Appleton,
34-22740 116 Avenue,
Maple Ridge, B.C.

Sent from my iPad